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## The beautiful game

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls soccer team put up a fierce fight on their home field ending in a win against IE Weldon Secondary School from Lindsay on Wednesday, May 1. See more photos on page 2. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



# Dysart gauges interest among non-profits for recyclables

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart is considering opening its landfills to a non-profit group that may want to collect recyclable alcohol containers as a means to generate revenue.

John Watson, the township's environ-

mental manager, said Ontario has a pair of options when it comes to complementary deposit return programs to divert empty beer, wine, and spirit containers from landfills.

Residents can return beer cans and bottles as well as bottle caps and boxes sold at The Beer Store back to that business.

There's also the Ontario Deposit Return Program which covers all wine, spirit, and

cooler containers over 100 millilitres sold at LCBO stores and Ontario winery retail stores, and beer containers over 100 millilitres sold outside The Beer Store system. That includes tetra and bag-in-box packs.

In both instances, consumers return acceptable materials to The Beer Store for a refund on the container's deposit.

Dysart encourages consumers to drop-off their empty beer, wine and spirit con-

tainers at The Beer Store for a refund of their deposit.

If consumers drop-off empty beer, wine and spirit containers at one of Dysart's waste disposal sites, landfill attendants can choose to manage those containers on their own time, or can direct users to place empty beer, wine, and spirit containers in Recycling for Containers.

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The HHSS girls' soccer team finished off their game against IE Weldon Secondary School on the Gary Brohman Athletic Field with a 2-1 win on Wednesday, May 1. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



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# Dysart looks to Tiny Homes to counter dearth of housing

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart council hopes word gets out about recent changes that may help ease the housing shortfall in the township.

Haliburton County council allowed changes to Dysart's Official Plan during its March 13 meeting that permits the construction of tiny homes or additional dwelling units on lots.

Additional Dwelling Units are second dwelling units that are now permitted on most non-waterfront properties that front onto a publicly maintained road. A building permit is required and there is no minimum floor area requirements.

To facilitate the building of Tiny Homes, the minimum dwelling unit area has been removed from lots in the Rural and Rural Residential zones to permit small homes. Building and septic permits are required.

The zoning changes also allow for

detached outdoor saunas, subject to the required setbacks.

Jeff Iles, the municipality's planning land information director, said information about the policy changes has been added to the township's website and social media channels.

To further get the word out to the public and to the development industry in the hopes of creating more housing in Dysart, staff have also designed a poster with the pertinent facts.

"Just in hopes of bringing awareness to

these new policies which are designed to create more housing in the community," Iles said.

Any questions related to the changes can be directed to the Planning and Land Information Department.

"We really do need the housing and these second units are permitted on most properties," he said. "They're permitted in the waterfront and you must be on a public road. They do require building permits, but you do not require planning approvals to move forward with those."

## Second group of inductees to be recognized this month

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

There's something in the water in Haliburton County.

The Highlands have long been a place to foster excellent athletes who would go on to have successful careers on and off the ice, field, and court.

The Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame will celebrate its second group of inductees on Saturday, May 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

In total, six athletes, four builders, and two teams will be recognized for their outstanding achievements as athletes and coaches.

### Teams

This year is the first year for an outstanding achievement award to be given to a local team.

The Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympics Ontario team will be awarded for outstanding achievement "for their team spirit and camaraderie," said a HH Sports Hall of Fame press release. "Athletes and volunteers benefit from the enhanced sense of belong that results from supporting and participating in meaningful sports activities.

The Red Wolves participate in bowling, curling, softball, shuffleboard, golf, and bocce.

Second, all members of the HHSS 1974 Redmen football team will be traveling far and wide to attend the ceremony to receive their award.

"The coaching staff, Bob Colliver and Gary Brohman, were intentional about building a football program that could succeed at the regional level. More important was their goal of creating opportunities for as many school athletes as possible.

The HHSS team headed to Lakefield College for the 1974 COSSA Single A championship game.

The Redmen came home with a 24 to 16 win.

"Their success paved the way for an era of distinction for the HHSS football program, now called the Red Hawks, which accumulated many more championships in coming years."

### Athletes

Kate Campbell, Scott LaRue, Colin Newell, Greg Newell, Mark Robinson, and Gary Vasey will be inducted into the Hall of Fame this year.

Kate Campbell was awarded the first and only HHSS gold medal at the 1998 OFSAA championship in the 300 metre hurdles. The track star is now a producer, writer, and director.

Scott LaRue had an outstanding hockey career, and was first scouted by the Montreal Canadiens and next the Detroit Red Wings.

He was star defenceman for Woodbridge, Weston, and then Whitby Dun-



lops.

He played in exhibition games alongside Bobby Orr, and traveled to France to play professional hockey in Europe.

After returning home, he managed the Haliburton Huskies with his father.

Colin and Greg Newell are each receiving an athlete award for baseball.

Greg traveled all over North America while playing in the Ontario Amateur Softball Association, International Softball Congress, Canadian and Eastern Canadian, and North American Fastpitch Association Championships.

Colin played for the LSC league in the 1990s for clubs including Owen Sound, Oshawa, Scarborough, and Bracebridge, receiving numerous awards like his brother.

"The Newell Family lived and breathed fastpitch." Both credit their parents for sparking a love for the game through a baseball diamond in their Gelert backyard as kids.

Mark Robinson was selected as Rookie of the Year for the Queen's University Golden Gaels football team.

The team won the Vanier Cup while he controlled the line of scrimmage.

Gary Vasey played for the Minden Monarch hockey team in 1950, helping them win the Ontario Rural Hockey Association C Championships.

He played junior hockey in Lindsay, Scarborough Rangers and Bradford's Intermediate B team, winning a number of senior championships.

He became owner, general manager and coach of the Bradford Vasey Juniors.

### Builders

Gary Brohman, Jane Heyes, Ken Rosenberg, and Mark Schell Sr. will all be given the builder award.

Gary Brohman is a well-known name in the Highlands. He had a long career in education at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, volunteering to coach hockey, basketball, and track and field, fostering the careers of countless athletes and sports programs.

The HHSS school field is named the Gary Brohman Athletic Field after him.

Jane Heyes was coordinator of the Haliburton Highlands Jackrabbit Cross Coun-

try Ski program for 20 years.

Many graduates of the program went on to compete at OFSAA and varsity levels in cross country skiing. The program continues to flourish today.

Ken Rosenberg competed in golf tour-

The Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame inaugural induction ceremony was held in 2022, adding 11 athletes, three builders, and three teams to the walls of the AJ LaRue Arena. /Tim Tofflemire Photography

naments throughout Ontario at championship levels.

He acquired his teaching certificate from the Canadian Golf Teachers Association and spent much of his time in the Highlands helping golfers to improve their game.

Mark Schell Sr. is remembered for his lifelong commitment to outdoor and sport programs for Haliburton County youth.

He was a member of the Haliburton Huskies, and went on to coach local teams. He was also a baseball player and Boy Scout leader.

All are welcome at the 2024 Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame ceremony to recognize these outstanding figures in the world of Haliburton Highlands sports.



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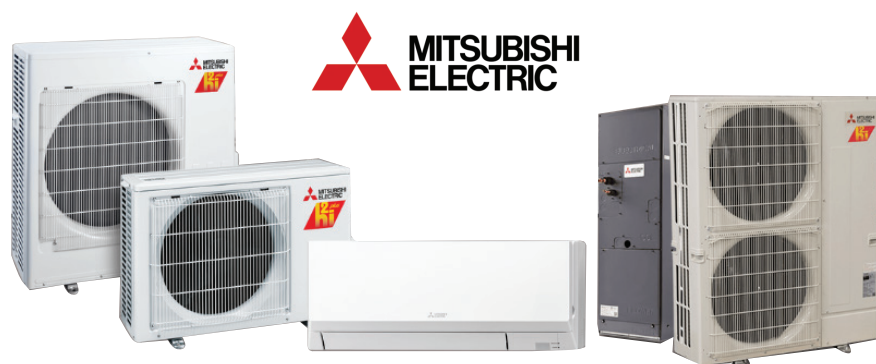
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# Dysart weighs options for discarded booze bottles

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"Back when Dysart was financially responsible for funding the hauling and processing of Blue Box materials, it would have been cost prohibitive to include those items in Recycling for Containers as they would have led to increased hauling and processing costs, especially as glass is a heavy material," Watson said.

Dysart no longer funds the hauling and processing of Blue Box materials so adding those containers to the Blue Box will have no bearing on operational costs.

Watson said that, as part of Ontario Blue Box regulations, empty beer, wine, and spirit containers are not acceptable materials. But they are not considered contamination either.

"So we wouldn't currently face any penalties for including them," he said.

Municipal environmental staff proposed options for council to consider on how to manage such recyclable containers at landfill sites.

The first option is to no longer accept any of those containers at Dysart landfills.

"In that option, anyone bringing those containers to Dysart landfills would be told they aren't accepted and the customer would be directed to return them directly to The Beer Store," he said.

Another idea is to have containers disposed of in Recycling for Containers area at a landfill. Non-profit groups could establish take-back solutions for empty beer, wine, and spirit containers.

Council could consider issuing a request for Expressions of Interest for a non-profit group to operate a take-back program at all five of Dysart's landfills.

Watson said the request would specify the expected scope of work, health and safety requirements, insurance provision for Commercial General Liability Coverage not less than \$5 million, and a set term for the program.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands operates four waste disposal sites. At the Dorset Transfer Station, that township has a formal agreement with a non-profit organization to manage such containers.

At the other sites, landfill attendants can choose to manage those containers on their own time or can direct users to place the containers in the Recycling for Containers.

Minden Hills sought expressions of interest in January for non-profit organizations to manage containers at its four waste disposal sites.

Four expressions were received, and Minden Hills will be entering into agreements with Snowflake Meadows Rescue Center and Walkabout Farms Therapeutic Riding Association at the Scotch Line Landfill; U-Links and FEEL at the Ingoldsby Transfer Station; and Minden Hills Firefighters Association at the Little Gull and Iron Mine transfer stations.

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*Let's not over-complicate this thing because it's just pulling beer bottles out of the recycling.”*

— Councillor Pat Casey

A fourth option described by Watson is for Dysart to maintain how alcoholic beverage containers have always been managed at landfills. Attendants can manage containers on their own time or direct users to place empty containers in the Recycling for Containers area.

"I can't see anybody bidding on all five sites," Mayor Murray Fearrey said of a non-profit group establishing a take-back program.

"It seems to me it's working the way it is," Fearrey said. "But if there's a not-for-profit that could benefit from it, I think they probably should be given the opportunity."

Councillor Pat Casey said he favours a local group benefitting from the returns from recycling the materials.

"Let's not over-complicate this thing because it's just pulling beer bottles out of the recycling," he said.

Watson said any third party on a landfill site is going to require a scope of work to outline their responsibilities.

"We need to protect ourselves and the tax base from any liability that can occur on site with people maybe acting unsafely," Watson said.

"I agree with that," Casey said. "But do we have that now with our own guys doing it?"

"All of the current staff are trained in health and safety," Watson said.

"And they get the beer bottles to the store and everything?" Casey said.

"They do that on their time with their own personal vehicles," Watson said.

"John, they don't do that," Casey said. "They sort everything on Dysart's time. Let's keep that square."

"I can say going into sites on the days when the sites are closed to the public, they (staff) are definitely in on their own time doing this," said Watson.

Coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts asked who is liable for attendants going into the landfill site when it is closed should a mishap occur?

Council decided to have staff come up with a request for expressions of interest from non-profit groups to handle the recyclable containers at landfills.



## Park clean-up

The Haliburton Rotary cleaned up trash at Skyline Park in place of their regular meeting on Thursday, May 2, getting the park ready for summer visitors to enjoy. /Submitted



# Beaver dam washes out Dysart roads

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Those industrious beavers. Dysart's Public Works Department received reports of a beaver dam break on Boughner Road on April 12 at 3 p.m. Staff visited the site, confirmed the incident, and witnessed water over-topping the road.

The water washed the culvert downstream and took out as much as 15 meters of road. The water impacted two other roads downstream.

Harburn Road, which is the jurisdiction of Haliburton County, was closed that evening due to over-topping and reopened April 15.

Harmony Road, which is Dysart municipal jurisdiction, was closed as a precautionary measure due to overtopping and reopened the following morning when the water receded.

A price tag to complete the repairs is unknown, but the 2024 municipal operating budget earmarked \$79,829 for emergency washout repairs.

Dave Coulter, the township's operation's manager, told council when it met April 23 that Harmony Road required minor repairs which have been completed.

"We had a crew out there, and we brought up one piece of pipe that we

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*We brought up one piece of pipe that we could get back in place so we can make it accessible for people.”*

— Dave Coulter, Dysart operations manager

could get back in place so we can make it accessible for people,” Coulter said.

“Are we waiting on a bigger pipe there?” Mayor Murray Fearrey said.

“We’re bringing the pipes back up,” Coulter said. “Basically, they were washed down into the creek bed.”

“They weren’t big enough,” Fearrey said. “Why wouldn’t we put a bigger one in?”

Coulter said Rob Cameron, the township's public works director, assessed the situation and determined the road would benefit from being higher.

Boughner Road culvert will be reinstalled and the road will be built up to an elevation higher than the adjacent beaver dam in order to mitigate road over-topping.

# School board polls students about education's quality

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

School board officials returned to the students for insight on the quality of education.

Wes Hahn, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's (TLDSB) director of education, hosted Director's Student Voice Summits last year. Two more summits were held this past April to hear directly from people most impacted by schools: The students themselves.

Over the two sessions this year, as many as 85 students from Grades 7-10 were invited to share how learning in schools could be more effective for current and future students.

The students' thoughts, comments, and opinions were heard by Hahn and shared with the school board's senior team.

Hahn said all participants provided open, honest feedback for our system to take into consideration and made new connections with students from other

schools along the way.

“Student voice means everything to me,” said Blake, a Grade 11 student at IE Weldon Secondary School in Kawartha Lakes. “As a G7 Student Senate representative, I have to take student voice to the school board. So sharing the ideas of my fellow students is really important.”

Led by the secondary curriculum team with help from the G7 Student Senate, student attendees were engaged in many activities throughout the day. Students provided ideas as to how students can best be prepared for the future.

They provided insight into how student wellbeing could be improved and how to increase students' classroom attendance.

“Collecting authentic student voice is not only important to me in my role, but it is also one of the goals of the TLDSB 2022-2027 Strategic Plan,” Hahn said.

“Ensuring we make improvements in our system that reflect the student voice is extremely important as we move forward and I am truly thankful to all of the students for participating in these summits.”



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## Watering can

**“W**E HAVE a special place here. Athletics in Haliburton County prepare people for success later in life,” said Janet Trull, a Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame organizer. “Each and every Sports Hall of Fame inductee could attest to that.”

I’m not a parent, but I do know worrying about one’s kids comes easy. For parents, I’m sure the dangers of the world feel infinite.

A major focus for many is figuring out how to steer kids in the right direction and give them a map to navigate a seemingly endless universe of pitfalls.

They are the most innocent and therefore most vulnerable generation.

It’s crucial to give guidance, tools, and a structure as they grow from small humans into adults that’ll one day make decisions affecting those around them.

It’s quite the responsibility.

After reading the biographies of each new HH Sports Hall of Fame inductee this past week, there’s an evident, staggering trend.

All have flown through the perilous universe with flying colours.

From raising race horses to running consulting firms to directing on stage, scattered across the world, each made a successful life for themselves.

How?

Growing up with sports was more than just an outlet for extra energy.

“He was a builder,” said one of HHSS coach Gary Brohman’s former athletes, “Not just of student athletic programs, but of men and women. He helped us be successful on and off the field.”

I’m sure each athlete would say the same about their own coaches, too.

Sports are more than bragging rights and bus rides.

A structured program with strong coaching is a watering can for the lives

of kids and teenagers.

Whenever spring comes, and the bright green grass starts to push through the dirt of HHSS’ field, I always get reminiscent.

My cleated feet hit the grass, and often goose droppings, of that field countless times, just like so many athletes before and after me.

My fondest high school memories were made there.

Not only that, but it’s what I remember the most from that school.

Our little soccer team never made it very far, but that didn’t matter to us.

We worked hard because we wanted to: for ourselves, each other, and our coaches.

Of the teammates I’m still in contact with, all of them are now working hard pursuing a life they always wanted.

Some are still in school.

Some are traveling the world.

Some dove into new careers.

And I really do think a big part of that has to do with being part of organized sports.

“Physical activity has

an immense impact on not only children’s physical health and development but on their psychological health as well. Sport more specifically can have an even greater impact in these areas of growth while improving social skills in the process.

Sport provides children with the perfect outlet to keep them active while having fun and learning valuable life skills,” said a Carleton University study.

We can thank all the volunteer coaches of every team for allowing us to have that opportunity and for teaching us those life skills.

“I’ve traveled the world, but the Haliburton Highlands are, and will always be, one of my favourite places,” said football player Mark Robinson.

And that really says it all.



vivian collings

## Editorial



A beaver slaps its tail in a pond, making a splash.

by Tammy Nash

## Never assume

**S**HE LIKED to think she knew how to behave.

Katie had been walking her dog twice a day since the little guy was old enough to know what a leash was. Years ago she had enjoyed her country road for walking. There she had seen few if any cars or people and heard only the wind through the trees and the lake nudging its shore. True there was sometimes wildlife – but the bear and moose kept their distance. In fact they seemed more afraid of her than the reverse. Ducks waddled, skunks scurried and bears took off like a shot.

So when she moved into town, Katie was prepared for a difference. More lights, people and noise. But it was still pleasant. A river ran through the village, gurgling and foaming in the spring, bringing hordes of ducks and geese to bob and dive on its calmer places. The sun continued to shine and there were many trees along the way. Majestic pines, birch and maple trees still spoke to her when touched by a vagrant wind.

However a big change in town was the neighbourhood dogs. Katie often saw them on her own dog-walking excursions. Some strolled along beside their humans, curious of Katie and her canine-companion but still minding their own business. In fact sometimes the two humans stopped and chatted briefly. They compared breeds, behaviour and favourite walking routes. It felt like a community thing, a shared experience.

But it wasn’t always so idyllic. There were dogs tied up outside every time Katie walked by. These canines often barked incessantly as she passed, sometimes continuing their vocals long after she had turned the corner. She wondered if they wanted to join her, get more exercise, see and smell different places, have a bit of stimulation in their sad, restricted lives.

Then there were the howlers. They were not seen but Katie could hear them as she passed by the houses. Clawing at the house windows, there was a desperate feel to their voices. She couldn’t help but speculate if these creatures ever got

to go farther than a few feet from the door to do their business. Wondering why such people had dogs in the first place, she had an urge to knock on the door and ask. Of course she didn’t.

During the farmers’ market season, there were probably as many dogs as humans strolling by the vendors. These animals had to be leashed but otherwise were free to take in all the sights, sounds and smells of the busy location. There was the very rare incident when one dog was not happy with another dog met in passing. But these situations were usually quickly dealt with appropriately.

Katie enjoyed seeing these animals as they strolled with their humans. Sometimes they’d stop for an offered snack or slurp from a water bowl thoughtfully put out for just that purpose.

So dogs were a big part of Katie’s life. Which is why when a new neighbour with a dog stopped on the street close to Katie’s house, she couldn’t resist making introductions.

It had been a sparkling day of sun and anticipation. Trees were budding, shoots were poking through the winter-weary earth and Katie was tidying her flower beds when she saw the dog being walked by its human.

Calling a friendly welcome from across the street, she asked if she might pet the dog. The answer was in the affirmative and the dog was made to sit and wait. Katie walked over to the dog and put out her hand for it to sniff, which it did. But before either person realized what was happening, the dog then sunk its teeth into Katie’s forearm. She recoiled as blood spurted from two punctures.

It was difficult to tell who was more shocked – Katie or the dog owner. Not waiting for an apology or explanation, Katie quickly retreated to her house to care for her injury. The other person was beside himself with embarrassment and disbelief at what had just happened.

As it turned out, Katie’s wounds healed just fine despite all that blood.

But her attitude towards dogs had changed a little.

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# points of view

## Those boots weren't made for walking

A few columns ago, I wrote about how a pair of boots I was wearing disintegrated on me while Jenn and I were hiking.

Though it's hard to believe, I had a similar situation with my back up boots recently while turkey hunting. Before you assume that the problem is that I buy inexpensive, cheaply-made boots, let me say I paid serious money – the kind it would take to buy three good steaks these days – for each pair. Moreover, each set of boots was from a respected brand and less than two seasons old.

This led me to logically conclude that the manufacturers are now using cheaper materials, poorer quality control, and less skilled labour – or, more likely, that the problem just might be with the common denominator, my feet.

Both conclusions worry me.

Which is why I enlisted a little help from Jenn the other day.

"Can you smell my feet?" I said casually, as I began unrolling my socks.

Admittedly, this is not a question that you will see in the dialogue of your finer romance novels. On the other hand, I believe a request like this also implies a level of intimacy that you just can't achieve in a short-term relationship.

That's why I was so surprised at Jenn's response. It was not just her blinding speed that surprised me either. I was also amazed by her talent at hiding. I mean, who would have thought a grown woman could fit between the couch and the wall?

And she only emerged from that spot after I swore that I would not even think of taking off my socks.

Later, shortly after I asked her if she wanted a calming cup of herbal tea, she said, "Why would you ask me such a weird question?"

"I thought you liked herbal tea," I said.

I then explained that I was just trying to determine if my feet smelled bad enough to disintegrate whatever pair of boots they were housed in.

"It's a perfectly normal question," I said.

Suffice it to say, we eventually agreed to disagree.

"I can't believe, I am saying this," she replied much later, and from a much safer distance. "But you do not have that kind of foot odour."

Naturally, I was elated. And not just because we had achieved another elusive relationship goal. No, I was happy because her honest response allowed me to rule out my feet as the culprits.

Also, the fact that Jenn confirmed my feet did not reach a level of pungency that can melt thread and disintegrate leather was, I think, a comfort to both of us – and probably anyone downwind.

The rest of the story worked out just fine for the most part.

The manufacturer of the first pair of boots has agreed to send me a replacement pair and they are now in transit as we speak. Unfortunately, I can't find the receipt for the second pair, so I will consider it a lesson learned.

I know, this seems to happen to me a lot. Perhaps it might even appear that I am hard on footwear. But don't judge me until you have walked a mile in my shoes.

And then, hopefully, back again.



steve  
galea

Loon Tales



## pic of the past

A view of Highland Street in Haliburton in the 1920s or 1930s with school children lined up under strings of banners. The purpose of the parade isn't known and it appears the woman on the left is organizing the children. Could she be a teacher? The building with the balcony on the left is the Grand Central Hotel. On the right is Gorie's store, Mallard's boarding house, W.R. Curry's garage and William Nichol's pool room. This photo is courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum's book, *Haliburton: A History in Pictures*, which offers that the parade could have been to mark Governor General Lord Willingdon's visit to Haliburton in 1930.

## TLDSB launches climate survey

Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) has announced the launch of the School Climate Survey beginning today, May 6, and will close on May 10.

The School Climate Survey assists the Board and schools in understanding how students experience school supports, social and emotional learning, as well as their feelings on a safe and inclusive environment. The information collected helps TLDSB grow in the area of providing learning environments that foster equity, inclusion, and belonging.

"TLDSB seeks to hear directly from students about how they are feeling at school," said TLDSB Director of Education, Wes Hahn. "We hope all Grade 4 to 12 students complete the survey, as the information collected will help schools and TLDSB gain a

deeper understanding of the student experience."

There are two surveys – one for students in Grades 4-8 and one for students in Grades 9-12. Within the survey, students will be asked questions on engagement, mental health, school safety, and inclusivity. Students will be given class time to complete the online survey.

"We want to hear about the school culture and it is the student's who can best provide this information," explained Associate Superintendent of Learning, Tanya Fraser. "There are no wrong answers and identifying information is not collected, so we hope students answer with confidence knowing that they can help make a difference."

Submitted

## County of Haliburton and HHHS welcome new ED physician

The County of Haliburton and Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) are thrilled to welcome Dr. Ali Bohra, Emergency Medicine Specialist to the team.

Dr. Bohra, an emergency room specialist from the United Kingdom, responded to a physician recruitment advertisement last fall and visited the Haliburton Highlands in February with his spouse. Thanks to his visit, interactions with the team, and the warm welcome Dr. Bohra and his family experienced, he is excited to join HHHS in May.

"On behalf of The County of Haliburton, I am very pleased to welcome Dr. Bohra to our region and our local healthcare services team," said Liz Danielsen, Warden for Haliburton County. "The addition of Dr. Bohra will result in improved access to local health care for our residents and visitors to the County."

Although Dr. Bohra will not be practicing as a family physician at this time, his four-year commitment as an Emergency Department Physician will have a profound impact on the Highlands. His passion for healthcare, calm

demeanor, and excitement to contribute positively to the community will no doubt leave a lasting impression.

Dr. Bohra said it was the welcoming attitude of the Haliburton Highlands that drew him to the position and inspired him.

"I think it's high time for me to serve the community with respect and dignity, the same way I would wish for myself," said Dr. Bohra.

This successful recruitment is the result of a team effort over many months between the Chief of Staff at HHHS; Dr. Keith Hay and The County's Physician Recruitment Coordinator; Wendy Welch. As we know, Physician recruitment is very challenging in this current competitive market, thus ensuring that we take a collaborative and innovative approach helps to bring incredible talent like Dr. Bohra to the Highlands.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Bohra to the HHHS team and to The County of Haliburton.

Submitted





Anne with the Wilberforce FUNraising Group beside some appreciative messages that Mr. Findeis' Grade 7/8 class sent over, at the Wilberforce First Responders Day event May 1 at the Highlands East Fire Department Station 4. / Mike Riley, Local Journalism



Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton with his wife Jane, who was a firefighter



Nataly and Janice with a card for area's first responders, signed by members of the community



From left, Tina, District Fire Chief Gary Mount, Caitlyn, Phoenix, Deveron, Sparky the Fire Mascot, Hunter, Conner, Ray and Chris in front of one of the fire trucks on display



Shane, Krista and their son Lochlan behind one of the fire trucks on display.

## First Responders' Day in Wilberforce better attended than last year

MICHAEL RILEY

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County celebrated First Responders' Day on May 1 by having a number of events throughout the area commemorating the skills, hard work and sacrifice of first responders. In Wilberforce, this day was celebrated at the Highlands East Fire Department, Station 4 at 2259 Loop Road by their EMS and Fire Department from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., with ample information and a variety of activities for all those who came by.

The province of Ontario proclaimed May 1 First Responders' Day back in 2013. On April 24, Warden Liz Danielsen (who is also the mayor of Algonquin Highlands) proclaimed May 1 First Responders' Day in Haliburton County. In a press release on the Haliburton County website, Warden Danielson had the following remarks;

"On behalf of the County and our four member municipalities, I'd like to offer my sincere congratulations to all first responders who go above and beyond every day to keep us safe. The Haliburton Highlands are in excellent hands thanks to your dedication," she says.

First responders include volunteers and professionals who work as police officers, firefighters, military personnel, paramedics, medical evacuation pilots, dispatchers, nurses, doctors, emergency medical technicians and emergency managers.

On May 1, community members were able to visit open houses at bases, halls and stations to learn more about the crit-

ical role both professional and volunteer emergency responders have in keeping us safe. They were able to meet local and visiting emergency personnel, learn about programs and services, volunteer and career opportunities, understand how to prepare for emergencies, and get up close to emergency equipment and vehicles. Sue Tiffin, Haliburton County's community safety and well-being plan coordinator, says that while she helped to coordinate the event, "it is very much a tremendously collaborative effort of our local first responders."

As for why May 1 was important from a community safety and well-being perspective, Tiffin said it's important for community to get together when they can.

"As a community, it's important for us to celebrate each other and recognize the work we do. This is a great opportunity for all of us to meet first responders when we're not in crisis and to learn about what we can do to be proactive and take preventative measures to avoid an emergency response whenever possible," she says.

Highlands East Fire Chief Chris Baughman told The Haliburton Echo on April 30 that this was the second year they'd done this to celebrate first responders.

"We do have a group that's showing up that'll set up coffee and snacks [the Wilberforce FUNraising Group] for anyone who decides to show up. We did every fire station last year, that's five halls and it kind of spread everyone out to thin and didn't make for a busy event. So, we just brought it down to the one central location this year and we're hoping to get

more people out. It'll be just like an open house, with all the equipment outside that people can look at and get into. They can speak to the firefighters and ask whatever questions they may have. Hopefully we get a few people out," he says.

At Highlands East Fire Department, Station 4 in Wilberforce, they had their fire trucks outside but unfortunately no ambulance or EMS as they were otherwise occupied. They had a full spread of refreshments put on by the Wilberforce FUNraising Group, including cupcakes, crudité, coffee, and cold drinks. They also had games, activities, giveaways for all attendees, and fire hats for the kids.

Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton was there, as was Councillor Ruth Strong. Burton said that the day had been wonderful and he couldn't thank the first responders enough for what they do.

"My wife was 17, 18 years on the [Haliburton County] fire department and it's nice to know hands on what they do. It's difficult for a lot because they're volunteers and they may have to go to a call in the middle of the night and then have to go to work in the morning. It's always grueling but they're committed and they constantly do it. As mayor, I'm forever indebted to their commitment and what they do," he says.

Burton's daughter Leah, who is with the OPP, was there with her children River, Dawson and Wilder. She said that River had been talking about wanting to come by that day.

"They were talking about it at school across the County and stuff. River had

asked and I told her that I knew I was going to take her anyway," she says.

Krista, Shane and their son Lochlan were there and thought the event was fantastic. Krista said that any sort of community event, they wanted to get Lochlan, who was wearing a kids' firefighter's helmet, out to take part.

"He's an honorary firefighter for the day!" she says with a laugh.

Tiffin told The Haliburton Echo on May 2 that overall, each location at the community wide event saw significantly more participation than last year, with kids and adults showing up throughout the scheduled time. She says that in at least one location, people were lined up to enter right at 3 p.m. when it started and the weather was better than last year.

"First responder teams are reporting that it was a great team building opportunity for themselves and they were able to meet with community members and answer questions and requests for information. There was also much laughter, with plenty of fun and educational activities for the kids [and their parents/grandparents/caregivers, who were having fun too], and so much community pride with unique celebrations at each location," she says. "The event really highlights the incredible collaboration and work of our first responders' teams and gives community members the chance to familiarize themselves with local services, but also come out and show their support for the first responders in our community whose courage and dedication help to keep us safe."





The Waito family stops for a photo in front of an ambulance at the Dysart Base while touring First Responders Day events.

## Thumbs up to first responders

Joe Iles gives the thumbs up while wearing a junior fire chief helmet at First Responders Day in Haliburton on Wednesday, May 1. The Dysart department gave tours of the fire hall and put on demonstrations. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police auxiliary and officers attended First Responders Day to meet visitors and give tours of police cars.



Dysart fire fighters give a forcible entry demonstration.



# Building on success: HHBC opens new lumber yard

VIVIAN COLLINGS  
*Editor*

Haliburton Home Hardware Building Centre is ready to help local property owners complete building projects from beginning to end thanks to their new 8,000 square foot building centre building and lumber yard.

They've also expanded their garden centre and storage area to better equip them for a growing business.

"Our lumber yard has increased tremendously. We're now carrying a full line of lumber products, building materials. We have lots of products for new home builds and renovations to finish jobs from start to finish rather than just being a regular, small-town hardware store," said

Erin Teel, general manager for both Haliburton and Minden Home Hardware Building Centres.

Another new addition is a full brick yard as well as everything needed to build docks for anyone on or close to the water.

"The garden centre is also completely enclosed to the point where there is a roof that covers most of the area. This year, we've also increased our live goods program, so we'll have more trees, shrubs, annuals, and perennials. Those will be in stock until mid-July," Teel said.

Trees, shrubs, and perennials are available now, and annuals will be available for the May long weekend.

Teel came onboard in Haliburton and Minden in 2022, and the store moved to its current location five years ago.

"The building centre has been two years in the making. We're so happy to now have it open for business as of last week. It's been an exciting time," Teel said.

She recognized other businesses in the area offering similar services and said there's plenty of business to share.

"We're supportive of the community. I think the biggest part is that it's a very large area that we cover in terms of the amount of lakes and land that people are building on. We recognize the town has other lumber yards, but there's lots of business to share, and it gives people a choice."

Teel said Haliburton Home Hardware Building Centre is open on Sundays to give people the opportunity to shop when many other places are closed.

"We're here for the weekend warriors, and if you run out of something, there's



Haliburton Home Hardware Building Centre recently opened their new 8,000 square foot building centre and will also now offer a wide range of trees, shrubs, and small plants. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



always a place to go get it."

Two more full time employees were hired to work in the yard and two local students and one seasonal employee also joined their team.

In September, Haliburton HHBC will be hosting a special contractor program, but this weekend, all can come out to see Home Hardware's new digs.

"From May 9 to 12, we have our 60th anniversary sale with lots of great deals. The flyers are in the mail, so keep an eye out for those," Teel said.

Moose FM and the Dysart Fire Department will be present at the store on May 11.

"We're also hosting kids games, so it's going to be a celebration and open invitation for the community to come see what we've been working on," Teel said.



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# Cottage succession planning information at your fingertips

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

For many families with cottages, there comes a time when selling may seem like the best option for various reasons.

The process can not only be heart-wrenching, but also tumultuous for family dynamics.

Anthony VanLieshout, long-time Highlands resident and broker of record for Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton, recently released his book, *Cottage Succession Planning: Don't let the government inherit your cottage*, to offer tips and information for families that find themselves ready to list their cottage.

"Selling the principal residence? No problem. Smooth sailing. Selling the cottage, or a non-principal residence? Strap in. Whether it's the government taking their share, or the family not understanding what's at stake, it can be a heart-wrenching process either way. Family dynamics can often be volatile at the best of times. But when the possibility of taking away the cherished family vacation spot is added to the mix, it's like dropping a match on a pile of tinder," reads the book's description.

VanLieshout has been in the local real estate business for the past 38 years.

"You come across a lot of family situations when selling their cottage or home, and often a lot of those emotions are associated with cottages moreso because it's a place of recreation. It's usually the place where a family gets together more often," VanLieshout said.

He gave an example of an elderly woman who approached him to sell her cottage.

"At some point she said to me, 'Anthony I feel like I'm giving up one of my children.' It speaks

to the magnitude of what a person's association with their cottage is."

Often, next generations of families may not want the cottage to be sold.

"At the same time, they may not be around to help with the work or maintenance required. For a lot of the older generation, the equity that they have in their cottage is the main part of their retirement portfolio, and they need that money. It's really contentious," VanLieshout said.

In another example, one woman ended up having to pay \$200,000 in capital gains while gifting her cottage to her children.

"She didn't have that money. She went from having equity if she sold it to instead gifting the cottage and having to come up with that extra money. It put her in a very difficult position."

With those two stories in mind, VanLieshout knew property owners could benefit from gaining more information about succession planning.

Fifteen years ago, he held cottage succession planning seminars locally with guest lawyers and financial planners for about 400 people with great success.

Since then, countless more examples of families running into trouble when discussing succession planning moved him to write the book.

"That's what the book is about, too, getting the conversation going with the experts. So talking to your lawyer, talking to your financial advisor, those are the experts if a family is looking to keep a property."

VanLieshout worked with Wade Greer, owner of For the Love of Marketing, to help create the book.

*Cottage Succession Planning: Don't let the government inherit your cottage* can be picked up at both Haliburton and Minden Royal LePage locations, or it can be ordered on Amazon.

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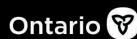


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# Re-Open the Minden ER goes to Queen's Park

THOMAS SMITH  
Staff Reporter

On April 22, 2024, Patrick Porzuczek, founder of Minden Matters and Re-Open the Minden ER went to Queen's Park to participate in the public hearings on Bill 180.

"On April 20th, 2024 it marked the one year anniversary of the permanent closure of the Minden ER, which came as a surprise to our community. The closure was announced by HHHS without prior notice, public consultation, or opportunity for the community to explore alternative options," opens Porzuczek.

"Lives are at stake and the under funding by the government is exacerbating the situation," Porzuczek said. "It is distressing for residents like us in Minden and the entire catchment area given our rural status. The burden of additional costs for services and reliance on private clinics is particularly challenging in the rural setting which greatly differs from the urban settings." "For myself, the fight is about my daughter. Waiting over 30 minutes for EMS to come to my home, because my daughter was in the middle of a cardiac disturbance is unacceptable. A father on route to Haliburton during a cardiac episode lost his life if the Minden ED was open, there is a great possibility that that life could have been saved as the travelling distance was much shorter. A child at the Canada Day fishing derby had a hook lodged in her eye, only two minutes away from the permanently closed Minden ER, was transported by EMS thirty minutes away," Porzuczek said.

"Doctors are advising a patient not to summer at their seasonal property in Minden due to lack of emergency care to deal with her and her husband's health issues if it's needed. A car accident victim suffered in agonizing pain on the helipad at the now-closed Minden ER. As they waited for Air Ornge, this patient could have been treated, stabilized, and medicated prior to transport."

The closure of the Minden ER had a significant impact on our community, depriving us of quick, accessible, high quality care, especially for our vulnerable population," Porzuczek said.

"The Ontario Health Coalition reported 1,199 closures, vital ER departments for the year 2023. How many lives were lost because of these temporary and permanent closures," asked Porzuczek.

"Just one of these hospitals was a permanent closure. The Minden ER, which has never even had one temporary closure in its history was closed."

"Your government has just made a commitment to nearly \$1,000,000,000 to build two brand new hospitals an hour away, 25 minutes apart from each other while Minden and our county is left without an adequate emergency and healthcare services."

"The recent Ontario budget, Building a Better Ontario fails to meet the healthcare needs of rural Ontario. The four per cent increase for healthcare in this budget does not allocate sufficient funding for healthcare. It needs to be adjusted to the rate of inflation and account for the aging population," Porzuczek said. "Spending needs to be drastically increased to six per cent or higher, nor does the new budget embrace the findings and recommenda-



Patrick Porzuczek and his family represented Re-Open Minden ER in Queen's Park on April 22. /Submitted

tions of the Auditor General's report on emergency room closures."

"Their number one conclusion currently: we are unable to ensure continuous availability of timely and patient centred emergency care in Ontario," Porzuczek said.

"Health care is the heart of the community," Porzuczek said. "Its broad impact in Minden has seen a negative impact on housing, resale value, tourism, small business prosperity and overall growth of the township. To address these healthcare challenges, immediate action is required. Firstly, the Minden ER should be reopened and without delay. Secondly, a new pilot program should be implemented, utilizing both nurse practitioners and our ER to reduce patient wait times and deviate stress on healthcare professionals, ultimately leading to better patient outcomes. Additionally, a rural doctor program should be established offering incentives and extra certifications and credits in rural healthcare for newly graduating doctors. The same approach can be applied to nurse practitioners facilitating a better understanding of unique dynamics of rural healthcare. Furthermore, efforts should be made to bring back the foreign doctors and Canadian doctors who pursued their education overseas due to the overcrowding of domestic universities. Minden can serve as the platform to gain experience and certification and to reintegrate these doctors into the Canadian and Ontario healthcare system."

"Lastly, more needs to be done to

improve doctor and nurse retention and healthcare professionals in rural Ontario. Particularly in Minden and Haliburton offering better wages, creating dedicated housing for incoming doctors to help remove the barriers and attract healthcare professionals and adapt to rural living."

"We elected you and we are counting on you to fix rural healthcare, reopen Minden ER. Live depend on it and let's build a better Ontario," closed Porzuczek.

"You've described it very well. A privatization agenda is not only fiscally irresponsible but it's also very elitist," Terence Kernaghan, MPP of London North Centre said. This Conservative government has taken and continues to take rural Ontario for granted. Nobody likes to be taken or granted. Rural Ontarians are smart and they have a long, long memory."

"We basically lost our guardian, the mother of our community," Porzuczek said. "Minden was loved by everybody."

"I've pounded on chests of patients in the Minden ER, I used to be a volunteer firefighter. I've also helped stabilize patients in the ER with EMS on route to the hospital. I've been directly involved but also involved as a family member and myself. I've been cardioverted three times for my own heart disturbance. Having this government force hospital boards to pay unfathomable amounts of money to have agency nurses and doctors to fill shifts, there is no shortage of nurses and

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Mad about mallards

The Minden Ducks Unlimited Canada Conservation Dinner and Auction was held at the Haliburton Legion on Friday, May 3 featuring food from Til Death BBQ, live and silent auctions, and prizes. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



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- CLUES ACROSS

  - 1. It wakes you up
  - 6. A place to sleep
  - 9. Czech village
  - 13. Appetizer
  - 14. African country
  - 15. Dark brown or black
  - 16. Parent-teacher groups
  - 17. Saturates
  - 18. ESPN personality Kimes
  - 19. Songs to a lover
  - 21. Cavalry-sword
  - 22. Begat
  - 23. Patriotic women
  - 24. Famed Princess
  - 25. One who does not conform
  - 28. Neither
  - 29. Nigerian monetary unit
  - 31. Body parts
  - 33. Hit Dave Matthews Band song
  - 36. Depicts with pencil
  - 38. Make into leather without tannin
  - 39. Plants grow from them
  - 41. Alias
  - 44. Fingers do it
  - 45. More dried-up
  - 46. Clod
  - 48. Senior officer
  - 49. A way to listen to music
  - 51. The bill in a restaurant
  - 52. Historic center of Artois region
  - 54. Cyprinid fishes
  - 56. Poisonous perennial plant
  - 60. Scottish Loch
  - 61. Heads
  - 62. Extra seed-covering
  - 63. Wings
  - 64. Britpop band
  - 65. Forearm bones
  - 66. Small immature herring
  - 67. Female sibling
  - 68. Hymn
- CLUES DOWN

  - 1. Vipers
  - 2. Not on time
  - 3. Resembling a wing or wings
  - 4. Tears down
  - 5. Professional designation
  - 6. Noise a sheep made
  - 7. Type of lodge
  - 8. Speak poorly of
  - 9. Ties the knot again
  - 10. Apron
  - 11. Studied intensively
  - 12. City in Finland
  - 14. One who monitors
  - 17. 18-year astronomical period
  - 20. Trent Reznor's band
  - 21. Takes to the sea
  - 23. Split pulses
  - 25. Valentine's Day color
  - 26. Wyatt \_
  - 27. Type of rail
  - 29. One from the Big Apple
  - 30. Asteroids
  - 32. Made more sugary
  - 34. Change in skin pigment
  - 35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
  - 37. Koran chapters
  - 40. A place to relax
  - 42. Young woman ready for society life
  - 43. Female horses
  - 47. Half of Milli Vanilli
  - 49. Icelandic poems
  - 50. Indiana town
  - 52. Golden peas
  - 53. Closes tightly
  - 55. It's mined in mountains
  - 56. Cliff (Hawaii)
  - 57. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
  - 58. Monetary unit
  - 59. Primordial matter
  - 61. TV station
  - 65. Rise

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Morning greetings

The crowd eagerly listens to Liz Danielsen give her Warden’s address on Tuesday, April 23 at the Warden’s Breakfast held at Camp Medeba. The event was hosted at Medeba in West Guilford. During the later Q&A session, Danielsen discussed housing, transportation, and other hot topic issues the county is facing. /THOMAS SMITH Staff



Fife says, ‘We will fund healthcare appropriately’

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doctors that are available,” Porzuczek said.

“What’s your next step in trying to get this government to reopen Minden ER, like, what’s the next step,” asks Andrea Hazell, MPP of Scarborough-Guildwood.

“We’re gonna keep stepping up. The community is gonna keep rising up and letting the people know. More cities and towns are going to start standing up,” Porzuczek said.

“A little town in Ontario made such noise that we were heard nationally. The noise is just going to keep getting stronger, especially when these other little towns start to speak up and take a stance for our healthcare,” Porzuczek said.

“What happened in Minden is something we’ve never seen before, quite honestly,” Catherine Fife, MPP of Waterloo said. “Maybe it happened in Fort Erie a long time ago but no consultation whatsoever, even, I think, your mayor was blindsided. No communication, the public was given only six weeks notice, so it was steamrolled through. There is no plan of any substance to ensure that people are safe.”

“The story has changed a few times, right,” asks Fife. “The public statements now from the HHHS CEO Veronica Nelson, beginning shortly after Minden ER was permanently closed now blame insufficient structural based funding for operational challenges and you note that these funding struggles were not disclosed during the Minden ED closure process mere months later. Why do you think the story changed on why Minden closed.”

“The story changed because we need to be a guinea pig,” Porzuczek said. “We need to start somewhere. There is so much happening within Ontario that is focusing on a two tier system: the agencies, privatizations, and what have you. The best way to do it is: let’s start removing the thing that doesn’t really make Ontario money. It’s more of a cost than it is a profit and that’s healthcare. So by removing it and taking away from the people, giving them just a little bit so they can hold onto, it’s disheartening.”

“The Ontario ombudsman deemed a meeting to be illegal and so they deemed that meeting which discussed the decision making process surrounding the decision to close Minden ER, they deemed that meeting to be held in camera, so held behind closed doors when it legally, was not allowed to.”

“Only the board can close a hospital in partnership with the Ministry of Health,” Jeff Nicholls said. “What can [the CEO] do? They can consolidate. Why did Minden call it a consolidation, because closing the Minden ER with six weeks notice with no consultation would have literally been illegal and would have breached the MSA that exists between the hospital and the ministry.”

“Using the word consolidation was basically a distraction or bypassed the legality of closing the emergency room within a six week notice. You’re quite right though, if they can do this in Minden, then they can do this to any hospital in Ontario,” Fife said.

“I wanted to give you one last message to give to this government other than open Minden ER, which we actually have said we will do, which we will fund healthcare appropriately,” Fife said.



# Snowflake Meadows prepares for first annual Magical Festival Fundraiser

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

"Snowflake Meadows has always been a dream of mine since I was a little girl. It started after my parents unfortunately passed away," said Kristyn Begbie, founder of Snowflake Meadows Animal Rescue.

From an early age, Begbie was bringing stray animals home.

"I was bullied in high school and elementary school. I found an emotional connection with bullied and neglected pets. I could get the love from them that I wouldn't get from others," said Begbie.

Begbie has fostered many animals including horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, and even a kangaroo.

Soon after moving to Haliburton County, Begbie began rescuing animals from throughout the county and neighboring areas. Snowflake Meadows officially became a nonprofit charity in 2018. In addition to rescuing hundreds of animals, the nonprofit offers animal boarding services. Begbie enjoys educating others on responsible pet ownership.

"I came up with my motto," said Begbie. "Being a voice to the voiceless."

Begbie works with Empty Ontario Shelters, a group that works with Ontario animal shelters to bring dogs to rescues to reduce overcrowding and allow dogs a better chance at finding their forever home.

Last year was their busiest year yet, with around 260 dogs rescued, 20 budgies, and a pig, said Begbie.

"Everybody gets microchipped, spayed and/or neutered," said Begbie.

Currently, Snowflake Meadows pro-



Snowflake Meadows takes in many different types of animals, with varying backgrounds, to try to find suitable homes for them to live their lives in. For information on adoptions, visit Snowflake Meadows on Facebook. /File photo

vides love and shelter to 33 dogs, eight cats, four parrots, two rabbits, six pigs, three goats, two miniature horses, four sheep, seven horses, one turkey, one alpaca, and a plethora of chickens, says Begbie.

Snowflake Meadows is starting an annual fundraiser called Snowflake Meadows Magical Festival Fundraiser. The fundraiser is intended to raise money for the rescue to build a kennel on the property to rescue even more animals.

Bouncy castles, live music, pony rides, a petting zoo, a lure course for dogs, and a bunch of vendors are in store for guests at

the Magical Festival Fundraiser, says Begbie.

Entry will be by donation and things like pony rides, the petting zoo, and other activities will require an additional dona-

tion.

Anyone that needs support, be it training or food, or if you need your dog to be housed somewhere temporarily before you can ensure a safe and happy home for your dog, to call the rescue, said Begbie.

The first annual Snowflake Meadows Magical Festival Fundraiser will take place on May 18 from 9 to 4 at the 1089 Ritchie Falls Road location in Minden.

Pets are welcome to attend, but must remain on a leash at all times for the safety of participants and the animals.

Snowflake Meadows Magical Festival Fundraiser's sponsors include Paulmac's Pets Minden, BALL Real Estate Inc., Francis Thomas Contracting, K9ine Security, Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd., Mulligans Pub & Patio, The Voima Group, Canadian Tire Minden, Pet Valu Haliburton, Coneybeare's Butcher Shop, Norm Barry Hot Tub & Cottage Maintenance, Glecoff's Family Store, Lana Harvey at Royal LePage, Boshkung Brewing Co., Kosy Korner, Highland Electric Heating and Air Conditioning Ltd., and Spot 97 Fitness.

"There's a lot of stuff happening," said Begbie. "I'm just hoping that everybody comes and has a good time. People are also welcome to bring apples and carrots for the horses if they would like."



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**Lands of Morley**  
(File No.: D14-ZB-2024-002)

- **Purpose and Effect:** The proposed amending By-law would change the zoning of the subject property from Rural Type 1L (RU1L) zone to Rural Type 1L-XX (RU1L-XX) exception zone, Rural Residential - XX (RR-XX) exception zone and Environmental Protection (EP) zone.
- The re-zoning is to implement a condition of concurrent severance application H-003/24 for the subject property.
- **Location:** 1144 Bitter Lake Road, and legally described as Part Lot 16, Concession 10, Block G, Plan 404 in the Geographic Township of Guilford, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

**Lands of 1601603 Ontario Inc. & Elstone**  
(File Nos.: D14-ZB-2024-005)

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**Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 7th day of May 2024.**  
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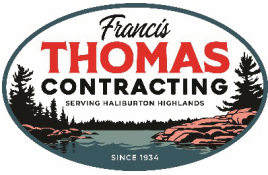
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650 OBITUARIES



**In Loving Memory of  
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*Passed away peacefully at Extendicare Haliburton on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at the age of 83.*

Bruce will be remembered as a gentleman and a Gentle Man by his family and friends.

Bruce's arrangements are Private and cremation has taken place.

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### Keith Robertson

Keith Victor Robertson passed peacefully at Toronto General Hospital in the evening of Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at the age of 78. He was the beloved husband of Julia Robertson (nee Burke) of whom he was married to for 51 Years. He was the cherished father of Alison and Cameron Robertson. Beloved son of the late Mervin Victor Robertson and Alice Murray. Much loved grandfather to Liam, Hannah, Isaiah and Hailee Robertson-Young, and great-grandfather to Elowyn Graf. He was the sibling of the late Lynda Robertson and beloved brother-in-law to Glenda and Jim Burk, Karen and the late Neil Gilles, as well as the late Richard and Terry Burke. He will be remembered dearly by the community, his family he left behind as well as his birth family, the Downers. Keith was a hard-working Snowplow driver for the Municipality of Dysart et al for 28 years. He was a passionate volunteer fireman for the Haliburton Fire Department, providing service

for 31 years. Keith was an avid outdoorsman, who loved four-wheeling, snowmobiling, and in his younger years, hunting with his friends. He made excellent maple syrup for his family which has been cherished and enjoyed over the years.

Special thanks are being extended to Kate and Pete Thomson for their extensive help and care for Keith and his wife, Julia, during his final time in Toronto. Additionally, appreciation is extended to Miles Maughan for supporting him as a close friend over the years and taking responsibility for lowering the flag at the fire hall as a memorial to his fallen comrade. Additional thanks are being outstretched to the staff under the supervision of Doctor Sean Patrick Cleary at Toronto General Hospital. We appreciate you and your efforts to save him, and everything you did to keep him comfortable. Thanks are also being extended to Doctor Norman Bottom who cared for Keith's health over the years, and had the utmost respect for Keith's care and wellbeing. Keith's parents owned the Wigamog Inn for several years, and one of the family sayings that Keith often repeated was: "The Highlands have the best; Muskoka's have the rest."

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### Beno Luna

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

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Friends and family were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday afternoon, May 6, 2024 from 2 until 4 p.m. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will take place at **ST. ANTHONY'S OF PADUA CHURCH** 27 Victoria St. Haliburton, Ontario on Tuesday afternoon, May 7, 2024 at 12 o'clock (Noon). Interment St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to St. Anthony's of Padua Church would be appreciated by the family.



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## Hospital costs triple; county comes through

by LEN PIZZEY  
Editor

The continuing care addition to Haliburton Hospital that was to have cost \$1.3 million little more than two years ago, will now cost an

estimated \$4.22 million, but Haliburton County's politicians are determined it won't be they who scuttle the project. At a special closed meeting Monday night, council guaranteed it would come up with the additional \$642,000 local share

of the cost, but only on condition that the building go to tender immediately.

The decision came just three days after Ontario's health ministry gave the board of St. Joseph's General Hospital, which owns the Halibur-

ton Hospital, just two weeks to confirm that local people could fund one third of the current estimated price. Council's management committee held an emergency meeting Sunday afternoon to draft a cost sharing plan, and won unanimous approval

for it on Monday night.

Under the plan, Dysart council would contribute \$142,000, county council would hand over an additional \$300,000, and the public would be asked to raise another \$200,000, which council would in the meantime guarantee. These funds are in addition to the \$493,000 already raised through public dona-

in jeopardy. In July, the health ministry said the building would have to have air conditioning, (it had not been included on the recommendation of the building committee as a cost saving measure) and sent the plans back to the architects. Although the air conditioning added only \$57,000 to the price of the building, the most recent estimate,

### Dysart buys new industrial land

by LEN PIZZEY  
Editor

Dysart council has purchased 150 acres of rural land on the west side of Highway 118 west of Jim Beef Lake and intends to rezone it for industrial purposes.

The land, purchased from Harold Bannor for \$50,000, can be serviced through a road allowance, presently unopened, that extends north from the Haliburton landfill site, meeting Hwy. 118 just west of the Eagle Lake road junction.

In rezoning the land, council will ensure that it cannot be used for any retail purpose. The move is intended to preclude the possibility of secondary retail and commercial development along the road, which could otherwise function as a by-pass around Haliburton.

Council also is negotiating to purchase a parcel of land adjacent to the existing industrial park property from the Jack Robertson estate. Council expects the purchase to be completed this year, with development of new industrial sites by 1990. Council has indicated it will impose tighter site plan controls on the new parcel than it did on the first phase of the industrial park, which is now sold out.

### Sign makes beach clear

by SUSAN GROBER  
Staff Reporter

Those who use the public beach where Deep Bay Road meets Gull Lake will be pleased to learn there is now a sign designating its access after their years of complaining to council.

"For the past 10 or 12 years there have been problems with a certain individual who tries to kick people

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### Dump proposal needs MOE okay

by SUSAN GROBER  
Staff Reporter

A representative from the Ministry of the Environment will meet with members of Lutterworth council to see if land around the Steeles landfill site can be sold for residential purposes.

Joe Sammut of Toronto has owned land around the dump for 38 years, long before the MOE declared that a residential building cannot be built within 400 metres of a landfill site. Now he wants to some of sell his land to a neighbour.

"He's only got half an acre, and he only wants a little more land," Sammut said at last Tuesday's council meeting. "His house is already

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**Cardiff Public School students didn't mind Jump Rope for Heart as a diversion on a sunny day and fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. They raised \$1,500 for their efforts. Story, pictures page 25**



**The commitment is the largest ever made by Haliburton County to a single project. Local politicians hope the government responds swiftly.**

tions to the hospital expansion project, and the \$266,400 that county council set aside in its original commitment.

In 1987, with architectural plans for the expansion completed, it was estimated that the 18 bed facility would cost \$1.3 million. Despite the fact that the local share of the cost was already assured, the province delayed approval and called for design changes that added to architectural and construction costs. By last spring the estimated cost had risen to \$3.2 million, and concern was growing that with construction inflation estimated at a compounding one percent a month, the project was

on which the health ministry's request for a guarantee of local cost sharing is based, is now \$4,224,744.

Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey told his council on Monday that Dysart must take the lead role in guaranteeing the additional funding based on the present estimated cost. As well as the \$142,000 in direct additional support, Dysart would contribute 37 percent of the County's \$300,000 share.

Fearrey said local politicians and the community have no choice but to support the project, despite the inflated price.

"If you don't get the hospital this

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## Dysart is hit with a 14 per cent tax hike

by LEN PIZZEY  
Editor

Dysart et al property owners will be hit with a 14.3 percent increase in their tax bills this year to fund municipal, county and school board expenditures.

The figure was released Monday as council adopted its 1989 budget estimates.

Overall spending by the municipality is expected to be \$2,982,500 this year, up from 1988 budgeted spending of \$2,767,725. The increase will result in a 14.2 percent rise in the municipal portion of the total tax bill. The county levy is up 3.5 percent, while the elementary school requirement is up 15.2 percent and the secondary school portion is up 18.4 percent, for an overall increase of 14.2 percent.

The total tax increase is expected to be \$77.65 for an average household with an assessment of \$800.

While Monday's budget shows no major increases in municipal spending,

falling provincial subsidies mean local property and business taxes must make up the shortfall.

Last year, provincial subsidies met 50.16 percent of the cost of operating the municipality. This year the subsidies will account for only 47.2 percent of the budget. Property and business taxpayers funded 44.5 percent of the budget last year, while in 1989, the local share of costs will rise to 48.5 percent.

The decline in provincial grant support as a percentage of expenditures will have a serious impact on council's expenditures for roads. This year, for the first time, the local share of road spending will exceed the rate of subsidy, and the difference, estimated at \$35,000, will be funded entirely by local taxpayers.

In the past few years the province's share of local road expenditures has fallen from the 75 percent range to just 50 percent. The funds are barely adequate to carry out routine maintenance, and as the

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## Pressure can stop spraying

by MARTHA PERKINS  
Staff Reporter

Now that the provincial government has joined the camp of the environmentalists, it is far more sensitive to complaints about the spraying practices of its provincially-owned utility company, a chemist told a small group of people on Saturday night.

"We've got the power back," Michael Collins said at a meeting about biocides sponsored by CHANGE (County for Haliburton Advocates of a Naturally Good Environment.) "We can stop these people (at Ontario Hydro from spraying biocides along roadways and under power lines) and they'll respond."

"Hydro and the provincial government have a great fear that someone would start a class action and take them to court."

At issue is one of the substances used by Hydro to kill all plants beneath its power lines: 2-4D. While it is effective in getting rid of weeds and brush, it is also highly toxic to animals and humans. Which is why

Collins prefers to call it a biocide instead of a pesticide.

"Years ago, cytologists—people who study cells—used to think of plant and animal cells as distinct entities," he said. But in the past several years, they've found "You're not looking at much different in the two. Those things which cause genetic mutations in plant cells, cause genetic mutations in animal cells. Almost anything that affects any type of living cell, probably does the same thing to any cell."

Therefore, anything which can kill a plant, can't be very good for humans.

"Hydro at first resented and attempted to prevent a discussion of the problem," says Collins. Until there was recent proof that 2-4D is poisonous and causes cancer in humans, Hydro insisted it was a harmless product—unless you were a plant growing next to a power line. But Collins says Hydro continued to use 2-4D because it had a long-term contract with a chemical company which produced it. Not wanting to face the very high cost of

breaking that contract, Hydro continued using it but said any request not to spray on private land would be respected. With only a year left in the contract, Collins says, Hydro announced it would cut down use of the spray by 30 per cent last year, 50 per cent this year, and 100 per cent next year.

"They admit 2-4D is toxic and say 'Give us a little time,'" Collins says. "I'm saying do it now."

When asked what could be done to prevent spraying on crown land, Collins says Hydro has a rule that land within 500 feet of a waterway can't be sprayed. Given Haliburton County's topography, this is virtually impossible and 2-4D is bound to get into a water table.

"If you ever see or hear of them spraying near a waterway, get the data, send the data to Pollution Probe (which is anxious to get enough data to get them into court) and sign it," Collins says.

Another suggestion was for property owners to send in a form letter, written by CHANGE, to Hydro

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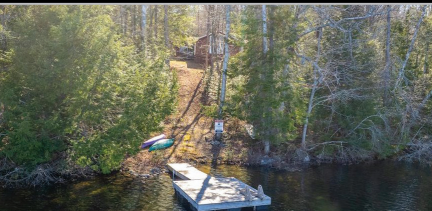
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MLS# 40538935

ELEPHANT LAKE RD  
\$154,950



MLS# 40578408

ELEPHANT LAKE RD  
\$48, 925



MLS# 40579751

ELEPHANT LAKE RD  
\$45,995



MLS# 40579817

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE  
\$1,450,000



MLS# 40485914

GLAMORGAN ROAD  
\$189,000



MLS# 40569783

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